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IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AND GAMD JUNE 19, MILITANT BUDDHIST YOUTH LEADER [redacted] SAID THAT UNIFIED BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHOM THEY WOULD BACK IN FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. DID HOWEVER EXPRESS VIEW THAT FUTURE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE A MATURE CIVILIAN SOUTHERNER WHO CAN RECONCILE CONFLICTING

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RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND WHO HAS "IDEALISTIC ANTI-COMMUNIST PROGRAM WHICH WILL LEAD TO PEACE." [redacted] DID NOT INDICATE ANY PREFERENCE BETWEEN PHAN KHAC SUU OR TRAN VAN HUONG, THE ONLY TWO FRONT-RUNNERS WHO COULD FIT MINH'S DESCRIPTION OF A DESIRABLE PRESIDENT. BUNKER
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